Duane Mortis LLP 101 WEST BROADWAY, SUITE 900 SAN DIEGO, CA 92101 PHONE, 619,744,2200 FAX: 619,744,2201 Attorney Docket No.: N1280-00235 (As Amended)

TSMC2003-0656

REGEIVED GENTRAL FAX GENTER AUG 2 9 2006

FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

In re application of: Burn Jeng Lin, et al.

Examiner: Stephen D. Rosasco

Serial No.: 10/765,531

Group Art Unit: 1756

Filed: 01/27/2004

Confirmation No.: 1027

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROCESSING MASKS WITH OBLIQUE

FEATURES

To:

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

FACSIMILE NUMBER:

571-273-8300

CONFIRMATION

TELEPHONE:

FROM:

Mark J. Marcelli

DIRECT DIAL:

619.744.2243

DATE:

August 29, 2006

TOTAL # OF PAGES:

(INCLUDING COVERSHEET)

~>

MESSAGE:

Attached is a Response to Restriction Requirement and

Change of Attorney Docket No.

NOTE: Original will not follow

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE

THIS FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION IS PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL AND IS INTENDED ONLY FOR THE REVIEW OF THE PARTY TO WHOM IT IS ADDRESSED. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS TRANSMISSION IN ERROR, PLEASE IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONE THE SENDER ABOVE TO ARRANGE FOR ITS RETURN, AND IT SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE WAIVER OF THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE.

If there is a problem with this transmission, please call us as soon as possible at 619.744.2200.

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

08/29/2006 14:56 FAX 6197442201

DUANE MORRIS SAN DIEGO

2002/003

Appl. No. 10/765,531

Attorney Docket No.: N1280-00235 (As Amended)

Response dated 08/29/2006

TSMC2003-0656

Response to Office Action of 08/14/2006

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Burn Jeng Lin, et al.

Examiner: Stephen D. Rosasco

Serial No.: 10/765,531

Group Art Unit: 1756

Filed: 01/27/2004

Confirmation No.: 1027

FIECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROCESSING MASKS WITH OBLIQUE

FEATURES

AUG 2 9 2008

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence (and anything referred to as being transmitted herewith) is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (Fax No. 571-273-8300) on the date shown below.

Date: August 29, 2006

Maria E. Provencio

Examiner Stephen D. Rosasco Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND CHANGE OF ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.

Commissioner:

10 Responsive to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action dated August 14, 2006, Applicants elect to further prosecute the above-identified application as follows.

The Examiner requires an election between:

Group I: Claims 1-8, drawn to a method for processing mask features, classified in class 430, subclass 5; and

Group II: Claims 9-25, drawn to a mask processing system and method of using. classified in class 355, subclass 77.

Page 1 of 2

Appl. No. 10/765,531 Attorney Docket No.: N1280-00235 (As Amended)
Response dated 08/29/2006 TSMC2003-0656
Response to Office Action of 08/14/2006

Applicants elect Group II, claims 9-25 for further prosecution. This election is made without traverse.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants request that claims 9-25 be examined on the merits.

Please change the Attorney Docket No. on this application to:

N1280-00235

Respectfully submitted,

10

5

Dated: August 29, 2006

Mark J. Marcélli, Reg. No. 36,593

Attorney for Applicant

15

20

DUANE MORRIS LLP 101 West Broadway, Suite 900 San Diego, CA 92101 Telephone: (619) 744-2200

Telephone: (619) 744-2200 Facsimile: (619) 744-2201